

## KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON VIET NAM / UNESCO COOPERATION

### I. COUNTRY PROFILE *(source: UNDP Human Development Report 2016)*

- Population, total (millions): 93.4
- Human Development Index: 0.683; Rank: 115 (out of 188 countries, between Indonesia which ranks 113 and Philippines which ranks 116)
- Life expectancy at birth (years): 75.9
- Expected years of schooling (years): 12.6
- Gross national income (GNI) per capita (2011 PPP\$): 5,335
- Internet users (% of population): 52.7
- Carbon dioxide emissions per capita (tonnes): 1.7  
*(UN Map of Southeast Asia at the end)*

### II. VIETNAM/UNESCO COOPERATION

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** July 1951
2. **Membership of the Executive Board:** Yes, (Term expires in 2019)
3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions, etc.:**
  - International Coordinating Council of the Programme on Man and the Biosphere Member (Term expires: 41st General Conference)
  - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission
4. **The Director-General's visits in the country: 0**
5. **The former Director-General's visits in the country: 3**
  - 24-27 August 2017: official visit to sign the agreements on the establishment of Category II centres in Mathematics and Physics
  - 20-23 June 2013: official visit to participate in *the Heritage Journey Festival* in Quang Nam Province
  - 1-3 October 2010: official visit on the occasion of the 1000<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Thang Long-Hanoi
6. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO :**
  - H.E. Ms Tran Thi Hoang Mai (since September 2017)
  - Staff: Ms Le Phuong Nga, Second Secretary and Mr Nguyen Tuan Khanh, Third Secretary
  - Previous Permanent Delegates: H.E. Mr Le Hong Phan (September 2014 to September 2017); H.E. Mr Duong Van Quang (April 2011 – July 2014); H.E. Mr VaN Nghia Dung (2004-2011); H.E. Mr Vu Duc Tam (2004-2007); H.E. Mr Pham Sanh Chau (2000-2003)
7. **UNESCO Office in Hanoi:**
  - Date of establishment: 1999
  - Head of Office: Michael Croft (Canada, P-5), since 15 July 2017
8. **National Commission of Viet Nam for UNESCO:**
  - Date of establishment: June 1977
  - President: H.E. Mr Le Hoai Trung (since Nov 2014)
  - Secretary-General: Mr Pham Vinh Quang (since Jan 2017)
9. **Personalities linked to UNESCO's activities:**
  - Ms Kim Phuc Phan (now a Canadian citizen), Goodwill Ambassador

#### 10. UNESCO Chairs:

- Network:

Réseau UNITWIN sur le renforcement des capacités d'expertise sous-régionales en biodiversité végétale établi en 2011 à l'Université des Sciences Naturelles de Hanoi, l'Université des Sciences Naturelles de Ho Chi Minh Ville, l'Université Nationale du Laos, l'Université Royale de Phnom Penh.

11. **Associated Schools: 23** (4 nursery and pre-schools, 9 primary, 9 secondary and 1 teacher/training). Viet Nam joined the ASP Network in 1995.

#### 12. Category 2 Institutes and centres: 2

- International Centre for Research and Postgraduate Training in Physics (Hanoi)
- International Centre for Research and Postgraduate Training in Mathematics (Hanoi)

#### 13. World Heritage Sites: 8

##### *Cultural sites:*

- Citadel of the Ho Dynasty (2011)
- Central Sector of the Imperial Citadel of Thang Long - Hanoi (2010)
- Hoi An Ancient Town (1999)
- My Son Sanctuary (1999)
- Complex of Huế Monuments (1993)

##### *Natural sites:*

- Phong Nha-Ke Bang National Park (2003)
- Ha Long Bay (1994)

##### *Mixed sites:*

- Trang-An Landscape Complex (2014)

#### 14. Tentative List: 7 properties

- The Area of Old Carved Stone in Sapa (1997)
- Huong Son Complex of Natural Beauty and Historical Monuments (1991)
- Cat Tien National Park (2006)
- Con Moong Cave (2006)
- The Complex of Yen Tu Monuments and Landscape (2014)
- Ha Long Bay – Cat Ba Archipelago (2017)
- Ba Be - Na Hang Natural Heritage Area (2017)

#### 15. Intangible Heritage Lists: 12 inscriptions

- The art of Bài Chòi in Central Viet Nam (2017)
- Xoan singing of Phú Thọ province, Viet Nam (2017)
- Practices related to the Viet beliefs in the Mother Goddesses of Three Realms (2016)
- Tugging rituals and games (2015)
- Ví and Giặm folk songs of Nghệ Tĩnh (2014)
- Art of Đờn ca tài tử music and song in southern Viet Nam (2013)
- Worship of Hùng kings in Phú Thọ (2012)
- Gióng festival of Phù Đổng and Sóc temples (2010)
- Quan Họ Bắc Ninh folk songs (2009)
- Ca trù singing (2009)
  
- Nha Nhạc, Vietnamese court music (2008)
- Space of gong culture (2008)

- 16. Biosphere Reserves: 9**
- Can Gio Mangrove (2000)
  - Don Nai – former Cat Tien – (2001), Extension (2011)
  - Cat Ba (2004); adjacent to Halong Bay World Heritage site
  - Red River Delta (2004)
  - Kien Giang (2006)
  - Western Nghe An (2007)
  - Cu lao Cham – Hoi An (2009)
  - Mui Ca Mau (2009)
  - Langbiang (2015)
- 17. UNESCO Global Geoparks: 2**
- Dong Van Karst Plateau (2015)
  - Cao Bang (2018)
- 18. Memory of the World Register: 3 inscriptions**
- Imperial Archives of Nguyen Dynasty (1802-1945)
  - Stone Stele Records of Royal Examinations of the Le and Mac Dynasties (1442-1779) (2011)
  - Woodblocks of Nguyen Dynasty ( 2009)
- 19. Creative Cities Network: no appointments**
- 20. Legal instruments: 11 ratified and 29 non-ratified**
- Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions: ratification (7 August 2007);
  - Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage: ratification (20 September 2005);
  - International Convention against Doping in Sport: ratification (02 October 2009)
  - Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage: ratification (19 October 1987)
- 21. Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated in 2018/2019: 1**
- 100th anniversary of the birth of Kamphol Vacharaphol, educator (1919-1996) (Thailand, with the support of Malaysia, Republic of Korea and Viet Nam)